THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Admissions to Kendriya Vidyalayas are made in the order of priority laid down in the guidelines of the Sangathan.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The existing quota is considered to be adequate, as the number of such admissions have to be limited.

Programmes to reduce poverty

†*276. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Tenth Plan period a number of programmes are being implemented to reduce proportion of poverty by 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the reduction of proportion of poverty is targeted during this period and the targets achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) With a view to ameliorate conditions of the urban poor, and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on All India basis *w.e.f.* 1.12.1997. The Scheme is continuing in the Tenth Five Year Plan also. SJSRY strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or through provision of wage employment. SJSRY is funded on a 75:25 basis between the Centre and the States. It targets the urban poor, living below the urban poverty line, as defined from time to time by the Planning Commission.

(c) Target for reduction of poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by the year 2007 has been fixed in the Tenth Plan. Under SJSRY, in urban areas, targets for setting up of 4 lakh micro enterprises and skill upgradation training to 5 lakh persons, living below the poverty line, have been fixed in the Tenth Plan. As against these targets, in the first two years of the Tenth

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Plan (2002-2003 and 2003-2004), cumulatively, 2,28,783 micro enterprises have been set up and 2,21,005 persons, below poverty line, have been provided skill training.

Education after middle standard

†*277. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after passing out the 8th standard, every student is facing difficulty in getting further education due to shortage of schools in the country;

(b) the average number of children passing out 8th standard;

(c) the number of the schools upto 12th standard as on March, 2004; and

(d) the extent of their capacity for admission?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the available information based on the latest (7th) All India School Education Survey, the enrolment reported in Class VIII during 2001-02 was 1.32 crores out of which 1.17 crores had reached Class IX in the year 2002-03. As on the 30th September, 2002, there were 46,137 schools offering education upto the 12th standard. The total enrolment in Classes IX to XII, as on 30th September, 2002, was 3.32 crores in these schools.

Demand of engineers in gulf

*278. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian engineers are in great demand in gulf countries due to construction boom on account of robust oil prices;

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